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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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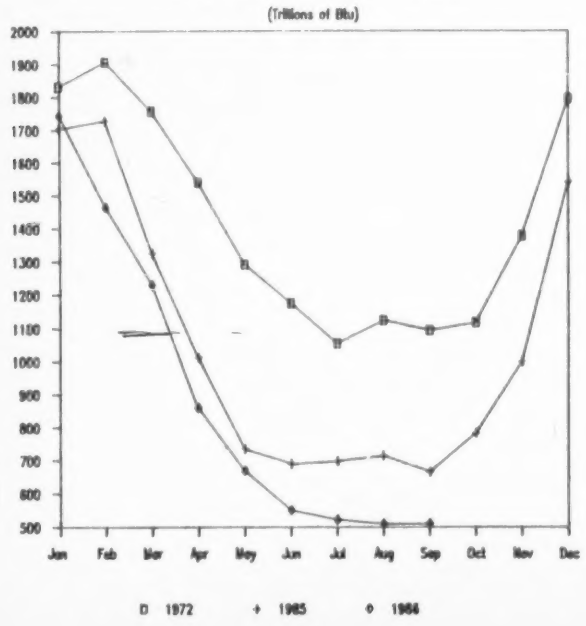
Residential sales increased while commercial, industrial, and electric generation sales decreased in September, 1986 compared with last year. Total utility sales were down from 666.0 trillion Btu in September, 1985 to 510.4 trillion Btu in September, 1986. Transportation volumes to end-users were up 28.6 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

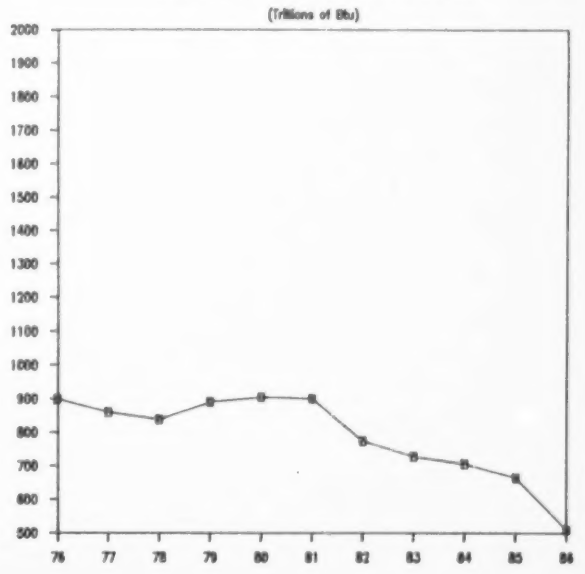
	September			Year-to-Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1986	1985	%Change[1]	1986	(% Change) Last Period	1986 Forecast[2]	1985[R]	% Change
Residential	134.4	131.2	+ 2.5	3,207.8	- 2.3	4,400.9	4,513.0	- 2.5
Commercial	86.7	92.1	- 5.9	1,646.2	- 3.2	2,268.1	2,338.1	- 3.0
Industrial	163.0	252.7	- 35.5	2,177.1	- 20.6	3,122.2	3,686.2	- 15.3
Elec. Gen.	121.5	184.4	- 34.1	940.9	- 35.8	1,424.3	1,948.7	- 26.9
Other	4.8	5.6	-	91.7	-	129.2	129.5	-
Total Sales	510.4	666.0	- 23.4	8,063.7	- 13.2	11,344.7	12,615.5	- 10.1
Transportation	161.7	125.7	+ 28.6	1,341.9	+ 39.9			
Total Volumes	672.1	791.7	- 15.1	9,405.6	- 8.2			

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



SEPTEMBER TOTAL GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - SEPTEMBER
(Thousands of Units)

	1986	1985	% Change '85 vs '86
Domestic Ranges			
Gas	191.8	185.4	+ 3.5
Electric	294.4	278.6	+ 5.7
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	89.2	77.4	+ 15.2
Electric	318.7	282.2	+ 12.9
Water Heaters			
Gas	290.4	273.4	+ 6.2
Electric	275.5	291.5	- 5.5
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	217.5	195.6	+ 11.2
Electric	35.4	33.5	+ 5.7
Oil	30.0	18.8	+ 60.0
Boilers			
Gas	26.1	24.6	+ 6.2
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 51.2
Oil	15.3	11.3	+ 35.3

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - SEPTEMBER

	1986	1985	% Change '85 vs '86
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	155.4	147.7	+ 5.2
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	550.5	587.0	- 6.2
Electricity	389.8	380.4	+ 2.5
Fuel Oil	436.3	604.9	- 27.9

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	46.6	60.8	- 23.4
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.70	6.93	- 3.3
Commercial	5.01	5.40	- 7.2
Industrial	3.45	4.12	- 16.3
Electric Generation	2.53	3.71	- 31.8
Total	4.36	4.74	- 8.0
Carriage Volumes[3] (Trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	161.7	125.7	+ 28.6
For Ultimate Consumers	52.9	47.8	+ 10.7
For Resale	334.0	327.3	+ 2.0
Total	548.6	500.8	+ 9.5

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.940	1.721	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.261	2.120	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	3.184	2.651	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985[R]	Sep.	5.086	6.010	5.503	4.321	3.930	4.872
	Oct.	5.072	6.003	5.491	4.305	3.886	4.873
	Nov.	5.055	6.005	5.481	4.285	3.844	4.837
	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986[P]	Jan.[R]	4.975	5.888	5.386	4.217	3.778	4.759
	Feb.[R]	4.940	5.869	5.356	4.175	3.739	4.750
	Mar.[R]	4.913	5.834	5.319	4.133	3.694	4.701
	Apr.[R]	4.889	5.819	5.292	4.091	3.629	4.682
	May[R]	4.865	5.800	5.272	4.053	3.553	4.656
	Jun.[R]	4.839	5.788	5.253	4.015	3.434	4.637
	Jul.[R]	4.821	5.783	5.238	3.977	3.298	4.614
	Aug.[R]	4.807	5.778	5.220	3.936	3.155	4.603
	Sep.	4.791	5.772	5.205	3.896	3.030	4.591

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.& Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1984	Sep.	5.03	7.03	5.63	4.36	4.39	4.30
	Oct.	5.05	6.56	5.58	4.31	4.35	4.24
	Nov.	5.15	6.01	5.47	4.37	4.40	4.29
	Dec.	5.31	5.87	5.52	4.45	4.53	4.22
1985	Jan.	5.28	5.82	5.53	4.33	4.43	4.02
	Feb.	5.20	5.66	5.44	4.31	4.44	3.89
	Mar.	5.20	5.84	5.51	4.27	4.40	3.91
	Apr.	5.09	5.89	5.54	4.23	4.32	4.00
	May	4.97	6.39	5.55	4.08	4.19	3.85
	Jun.	4.86	6.74	5.58	4.04	4.16	3.84
	Jul.	4.73	6.95	5.53	3.99	4.13	3.83
	Aug.	4.64	7.02	5.43	3.93	4.14	3.72
	Sep.	4.74	6.93	5.40	3.94	4.12	3.71
	Oct.	4.82	6.39	5.35	3.98	4.13	3.73
	Nov.	4.95	6.03	5.34	4.02	4.18	3.71
	Dec.	4.97	5.54	5.24	4.02	4.14	3.71
1986[P]	Jan.	4.97	5.45	5.19	3.98	4.14	3.49
	Feb.	4.95	5.50	5.23	3.82	4.01	3.12
	Mar.	4.94	5.57	5.20	3.73	3.94	2.72
	Apr.	4.79	5.70	5.20	3.50	3.77	2.47
	May	4.56	5.98	5.18	3.27	3.59	2.62
	Jun.	4.32	6.39	5.12	3.05	3.53	2.36
	Jul.	4.30	6.80	5.12	3.03	3.48	2.39
	Aug.	4.26	6.82	4.96	3.03	3.46	2.47
	Sep.	4.36	6.70	5.01	3.06	3.45	2.53

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.
[2]1986 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1986 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (both industrial only and electric generation) is also based on available 1986 monthly data with the remaining months of 1986 heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.
[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.
P-Preliminary. R - Revised.